

# 409 1. DELAWARE AVE.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Pilson House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

409 Delaware Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Towson

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

—DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

—PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED

—UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

—NO

**PRESENT USE**

—AGRICULTURE

—COMMERCIAL

—EDUCATIONAL

—ENTERTAINMENT

—GOVERNMENT

—INDUSTRIAL

—MILITARY

—MUSEUM

—PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—RELIGIOUS

—SCIENTIFIC

—TRANSPORTATION

—OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Frank C. McCrystle

Telephone #: 823-3164

STREET & NUMBER

1531 W. Joppa Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Towson

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21204

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

New Courts Building

Liber #:

Folio #: See Attachment

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVEDDATE Spring, 1978**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Only the exterior of this house was examined. It has been renovated and subdivided into apartments. Much could be learned about the building on the outside, however, as it retains many early features.

This is one of several cross-gable facades facing Delaware Ave. and part of the evidence that this street once had a fashionable Victorian appearance. This particular cross-gable was made fancy by fishscale shingles and it was vented by a square 2/2 window.

This house is a two story frame structure with an attic in the gable-end roof. A two story projection to the rear (West) gives it a T-plan and there is a shorter two-story addition projecting to the West from it. There is a single interior chimney on the south end.

The street facade received the most attention. This facade reveals a centralized plan through the cross-gable and central entrance with a portico. It is three bays wide. The windows are 6/6 and the door has sidelights and a transom. The central gable with fishscale shingles is re-emphasized by the pedimented portico which is decorated with the same shingles. It is supported by four turned columns with rather delicate gingerbread scroll work.

The exterior is covered with rectangular dark brown wooden shingles. On the south end of the building some of these have fallen off revealing simple clapboards underneath. At present, the shingles are a natural wood color and the window frames and pediments are painted.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

| PERIOD  |  | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC          | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING      | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC     | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION            | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599            | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS               | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE           |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION               | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING             | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT  | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY                | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |  |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION               |   |  |  |

SPECIFIC DATES Pre-1877

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See Attachment

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

WAYNE L. NIELD, II  
HISTORIC TOWSON, INC.

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

Pilson Family

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Tax Assessments 1876

f. 117

Clara Pilson:

Lot on Del. Ave. adj. Samuel Butler  
Frame dwelling

840  
700  
1540

Ann Pilson:

Furniture  
Cows  
Hogs  
Silver

335  
20  
8  
8  
371

Tax Assessments 1896

Owners

Assessors

Fannie and Annie Pilson:

One lot 147x150 ft. on Del. Ave adj.  
Mrs. Mary Butler  
Improvements - frame dwelling  
All household effects

1700  
200  
1600  
800  
200

Tax Assessments 1918

Fannie and Annie Pilson:

Lot 75x150 on Del. Ave. 100 ft. to Ches Ave.  
House 34x18 , 14x18 ft.  
Lot 75x150 on Del. Ave. 125 ft. west Penna. Ave.

900  
1153  
900

George W. Pilson, member of the Towsontown Riflemen formed in 1846.  
George Pilson was the first lieutenant. pg. 903 in the  
History of Baltimore City and County from Earliest Period to Present.  
Day by Thomas J. Scharf

George F. Pilson - painter

pg. 478 in The State Gazette and Merchants and Farmers  
Directory for Md. and District of Columbia, published by  
Sadler, Drysdale and Purnell in Balt. in 1871.

Pilson Family pg. 21870 Census Data

Dwelling house #94, family #94

9th district

| <u>Name of everyone<br/>living in house</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>Sex</u> | <u>Color</u> | <u>Occupation</u> | <u>Real<br/>Estate</u> | <u>Personal<br/>Estate</u> | <u>Other</u>                       |
|---|------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Pilson, George W.                           | 60         | M          | W            |                   | 2000                   |                            | male citizen<br>of U.S. over 21    |
| Ann   | 53         | F          | W            | keeping house     |                        |                            | born in England                    |
| Emma  | 26         | F          | W            | teacher           |                        |                            |                                    |
| George F.                                   | 21         | M          | W            | painter           |                        |                            | male citizen<br>of U.S. over 21    |
| Robert W.                                   | 19         | M          | W            | carpenter         |                        |                            |                                    |
| Fanny B.                                    | 16         | F          | W            |                   |                        |                            | attended school<br>within the year |
| Hannah                                      | 14         | F          | W            |                   |                        |                            | "                                  |
| Francis                                     | 12         | M          | W            |                   |                        |                            | "                                  |
| Clara                                       | 9          | F          | W            |                   |                        |                            | "                                  |

The Pilson family resided at 409 Delaware Ave according to the map of  
Towsontown in the Hopkins atlas of 1877

## TITLE SEARCH for # 409 DELAWARE AVE.

Liber 4927, Folio 315 September 30, 1968

Grantor: Helen D. Waller et. al.

Grantee: Frank C. McCrystle & wife

"Beginning...at a stone marked "B" ...west side of Delaware Ave  
East 87'...West 150'...West 147'...West 87'...East 150' to beginning..  
known as # 409 Delaware Ave."

Liber 4894, Folio 488 June 24, 1968

Grantor: Barbara Ann Schafer (formerly B. A. Majors)

Grantee: Viola Mazzei

Liber 3109, Folio 139

Grantor: Christine Lewis Harris

Grantee: Viola Mazzei

Liber 3046, Folio 247 October 26, 1956

Grantor: Franklin Dike Lewis

Grantee: Viola Mazzei

Liber 3046, Folio 248 October 26, 1956

Grantor: Earl G. Lewis

Grantee: Viola Mazzei

Liber 1346, Folio 217

Grantor: Robert J. Beaver & wife

Grantee: Edward B. Waller

Liber 1271, Folio 284 July 13, 1942

Grantor: B. Gertrude Maxwell

Grantee: Robert J. Beaver & wife

Liber 1271, Folio 283 July 13, 1942

Grantor: Leila M. Beaver et. al.

Grantee: B. Gertrude Maxwell

Liber 890, Folio 180 October 17, 1931

Grantor: Mildred H. Lips

Grantee: Leila M. Beaver



Liber 890, Folio 179 October 17, 1931  
Grantor: Sydney G. Beaver & wife  
Grantee: Mildred H. Lips

Liber 506, Folio 69 July 29, 1918  
Grantor: Fannie Pilson et. al.  
Grantee: Sydney G. Beaver & wife

"Beginning...North  $15\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  East 90'...West 147'...East 150'..."

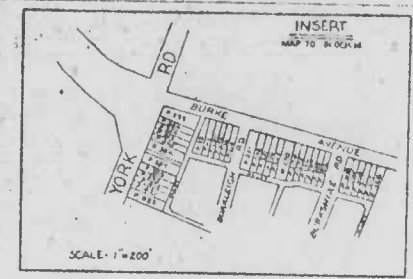
Liber 171, Folio 289 August 7, 1888  
Grantor: Willielmina Gill et. al.  
Grantee: Anna Pilson

Whereas by Lease JHL 54/138 Benjamin N. Payne to John M. Wheeler  
A/R JHL 56/553 to Lewis A. Dalhoff

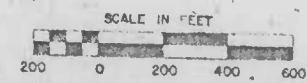
Liber 131, Folio 20  
Grantor: Anna Pilson et. al.  
Grantee: Fannie and Anna Pilson

Pilson House

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TOWSON  
SCALE 1" = 200'

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1967

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# PLAN OF

# TOWSONTOWN.

Dr. Bosley

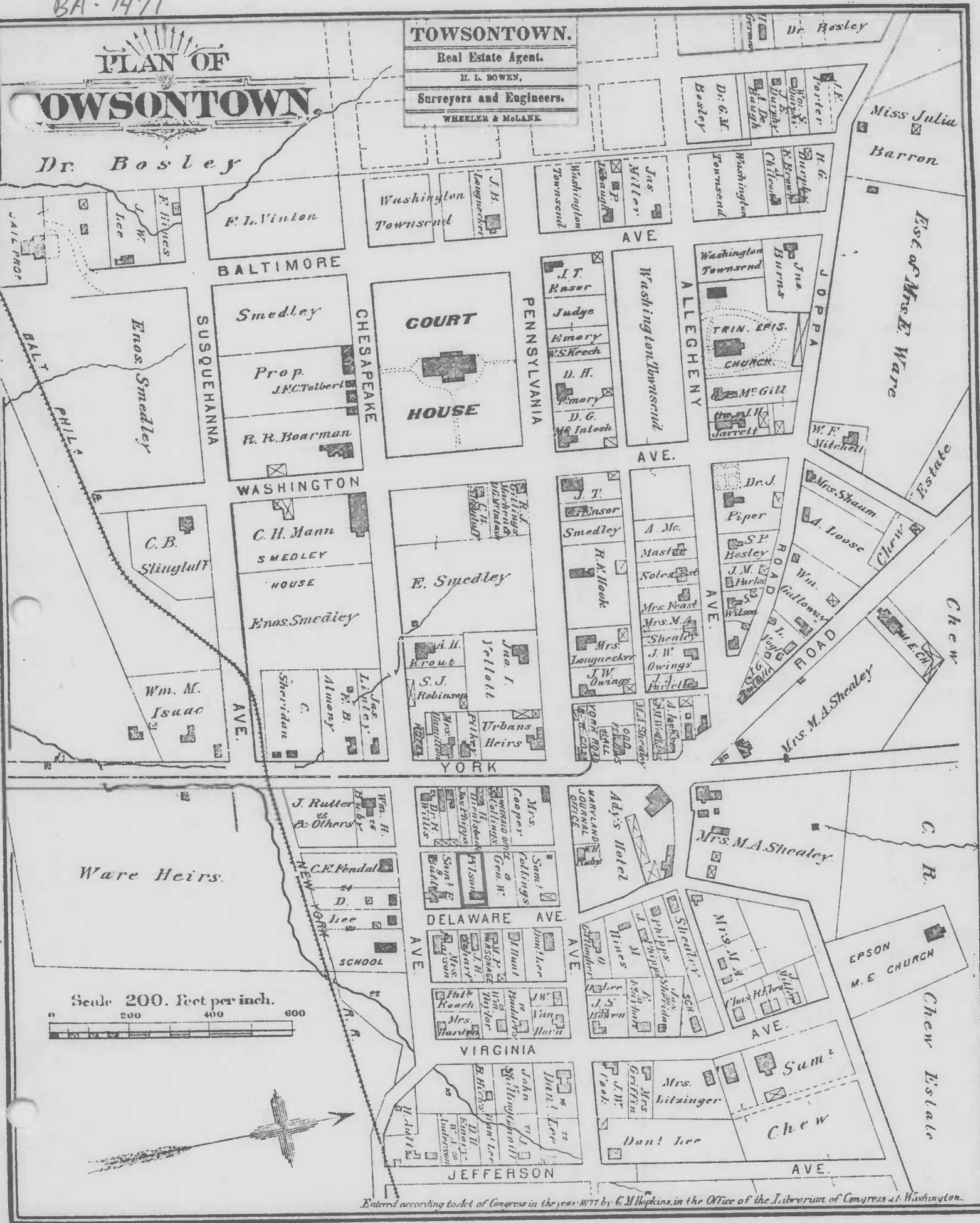
## TOWSONTOWN.

Real Estate Agent.

H. L. BOWEN,

Surveyors and Engineers.

WHEELER & MOLANE.





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PILSON HOUSE  
#409 DECAWRE AVE  
S.E. CORNER

W. Nield  
SPR-78



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PILSON HOUSE  
#409 DELAWARE Ave  
E.

W. NIELD  
Spring '78